



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Via Electronic

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** FEB 05 2018

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Region 6 Labor and Travel Funding Projections for Implementation of the Tronox Settlement for FY2018

**FROM:** Chip Poalinelli, Tronox NAUM Coordinator, Region 9  
Kevin Shade, Grants Mining District Coordinator, Region 6 *KS*

**TO:** Will Duncan, Acting Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9

**THRU:** Ben Banipal, Branch Chief, Technical and Enforcement Branch, Region 6 *BB*

**SSID Nos.:** Region 9 Funding Account – A982 Tronox NAUM  
Region 6 Receiving Account – A6KZ Tronox NAUM

**I. Introduction**

The purpose of this memorandum is to request and document approval to spend \$874,250 of the Tronox settlement funds (*In re: Tronox Incorporated, et al*, Case No. 09-10156 (Bankruptcy, S.D.N.Y) to support labor/travel (\$668,250) and logistics (\$206,000) on the Tronox Navajo Area Uranium Mines projects in USEPA Region 6 during fiscal year 2018. Due to carry-over funds from FY17, Region 6 will only request \$650,000 for the initial transfer from Region 9.

**II. Background**

The Tronox Navajo Area Uranium Mines (Tronox NAUM) are located primarily in the Grants Mining District in New Mexico and in the Northern and Eastern Regions of the Navajo Nation. The projects listed above were presented and approved at the June 2016 Tronox Joint Agency Meeting. U.S. EPA Region 6 will require \$874,250 in FY2018 salary, travel, and logistics outlined in Table #1.

**III. Salary and Travel Funding for FY2018**

The projected salary, travel, and logistics funding for USEPA Region 6 (Table #1) is based on information currently available and the best estimates of the project team.

#### IV. Anticipated Costs and Accounting

Future costs presented in this "Annual Funding Planning Memo" are estimates. Region 9 and Region 6 will be examining quarterly summaries of expenditures in order to further refine these estimates and determine whether supplemental funding will be needed for their efforts in FY2018. If additional funding is needed, the Tronox Coordinators will present a request for approval of supplemental funding, along with a justification and cost estimate.

#### V. Approval for FY2018 Funding

The U.S. EPA Tronox NAUM Coordinators recommend the proposed FY2018 salary, travel, and logistics estimated funding of \$874,250 for the Tronox NAUM Special Account as presented in Table #1 of this memo.

Please indicate your approval or disapproval on the signature lines provided below. We look forward to responding to any questions or concerns.

##### APPROVED:

Will C. Duncan  
Will Duncan, Acting Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9

2/5/18  
Date

##### NOT APPROVED:

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Will Duncan, Acting Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9

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Date

**Table #1 FY18 Tronox Salary/Travel Projections (November 2018 Estimate)**

Salary			
			FTE
	303DD6	281250	2.5
	501EC7	56250	0.5
	303DD2	168750	1.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$506,250</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Travel - General			
	303DD2 A6KZ	\$24,000	\$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 4 People
	501EC7 A6KZ	\$18,000	\$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 3 People
	303DD2 A6KZ	\$12,000	\$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 2 People
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,000</b>	
Travel – Tronox NAUM East (A6FK)			
		\$14,400	\$6,000\month x 2 months) x 20% equipment, etc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,400</b>	
Travel – Tronox NAUM Central (A6NS)			
		\$21,600	\$6,000\month x 3 months) x 20% equipment, etc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	
Travel – Tronox NAUM West (A6FP)			
		\$14,400	\$6,000\month x 2 months) x 20% equipment, etc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,400</b>	
Travel – Tronox NAUM Section 10 (A6PK)			
		\$21,600	\$6,000\month x 3 months) x 20% equipment, etc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	
Travel – Tronox NAUM Section 33 (A6QC)			
		\$36,000	\$6,000\month x 5 months) x 20% equipment, etc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	
Total Projected Salary and Travel: \$668250			
Total Projected Logistics = \$206,000			
Total Projected Salary, Travel, and Logistics = \$874250			